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To: SF HQ.

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From: 4321.

13th April, 1945.

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I am attaching a copy of 7408's Memo No.
495 of 10th April and should be grateful for your
comments.

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MEMO. No. 495.

To: 7404/7417.

From: 7408.

10 April 1945.

Re London's Tel. No. 41 repeated to me in your No. 588.

2. This telegram reached me a matter of ten minutes before S.P. 100's crew were to leave here to go aboard their boat and start the return journey. Although the first part of the telegram referring to S.P.100 is not very clear, we decided after a council together, that it would be best to keep S.P.100 back and I have telegraphed 7496, via you, advising him that we are waiting sailing orders from him. Nobody here understands what he means by the words "cannot enter the proposed harbour in time". The question which arises at this end is obviously "in time for what?".
3. Although the contact point referred to in the middle part of the telegram has been mutilated, we have taken the spelling group to mean HIRSHOLMENE, and we have confirmed to 7496 that our boat will await contact with his boat at the time suggested. Please advise 6206 that his four agents are out at sea now waiting for this latest contact. You will appreciate that they would have gone on S.P.100 last evening if 7496 had not stopped the vessel. Also please tell 6206 that BIRKELUND has been briefed by me exactly in accordance with your tel. No. 584 dated April 6th.
4. Regarding last part of 7496's message which reads: "Have special boat ready from 9 for etc.". This is an order to us which we do not understand. It hardly seems likely that he is referring to S.P.100 which at one time he referred to as "special boat". Under the circumstances we are assuming that the message should read: "I have special boat ready from 9th for etc.". But I do not see how we can fill his special boat with "8 to 10 tens".
5. I have noted that London promise to let us have 50 composite packs a week and this should just about tax the couriers capacity to the limit, assuming that by composite pack they mean the equivalent to two of the rectangular tins that we have been getting of late.
6. I regret that you have been having trouble with Chancery because we did not meet Boothby at the train the other day and I hope my telegram enabled you to tender a satisfactory reply. This man Boothby is a notoriously awkward person but I suppose we serve our own ends best if we bite the dust and generally continue to act as a nursemaid for him when he gets to the station here with our stuff, but in view of his behaviour one is tempted to tell him that the Chancery crossed bags to the Consul General are his responsibility until they are deposited by him on the Consulate premises.

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